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Gary Orton
Orton Ranch and Development, Inc.
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Re: Unpermitted Mining Operation in Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Sirs:

It has come to the attention of the Division of Oil Gas and Mining that you may own, and/or operate a rock quarry/pit located in Section 14, T7N, R2W, SLBM, Box Elder County, Utah. Please be advised that removal of building stone and landscape rock constitutes mining and falls within the jurisdiction of the Division pursuant to the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, UCA 40-8-1, 1975 as amended. Accordingly, it must be permitted with this agency. I have enclosed a copy the Division's Rules and mine application forms for your convenience. Please fill out the appropriate form and return it to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801. Use form MR-SMO, if your quarry is less than five acres of disturbance (including pit areas, staging and work areas, storage areas, access road(s) to the quarry, etc.). Use form MR-LMO if the surface disturbance exceeds 5 acres (or it is expected to exceed 5 acres in the near future).

Please respond by filing the appropriate form(s) with the Division by July 31, 1997. If you desire, a meeting can be scheduled with Division staff by calling me at 538-5310. If you have any questions, or cannot meet this deadline, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Lynn Kunzler

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosures: Rules, MR-SMO, MR-LMO

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